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**Juvenile Justice Advisory Group
Juvenile Civil Citation Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 6th, 2016
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Multi-Purpose Conference Room Bldg. #9
1825 Faulkland Road
Wilmington, DE 19805**

Attendees: Donna Pugh: JCC Coordinator, Amy Halfen: JCC Intern, Lauren DeVeber: YRS, Nancy Dietz: YRS, Tom Carey: YRS, Carrie Hyla: Courts, Jackie Zerillo: Wraparound DE, Krystyn Niski: Wraparound DE, Andy Cohen: YRS, Kellie Hubis: DSCYF/Contracts, Lisa Minutola: ODS, Michelle Brogden: YRS, Sgt. Bernard Miller: DSP, LaKresha Roberts: DOJ, Rodney Vodery: CSRC, and Lynn Gedney: DELJIS

Meeting Started: 1:10 PM

I. Welcome!

- a. Last meeting was in March 2016
- b. A lot of exciting changes

II. Statistics

- a. Lynn Gedney (DELJIS) will look at data on arrests for youths who would have been eligible, but were not cited for the program.
- b. We are on track with Florida with our numbers and expect around a 5% recidivism rate when we gather the data.
- c. Total percentage since inception for successful discharges is 86%. For unsuccessful discharges - it is 13% and for ineligible- it is 8%.
- d. We have served a total of 257 youths since September 2015.
- e. The majority of our referrals are for DC and POSS due to the fact we are mainly getting referrals from schools, but should see an increase in field referrals as training grows.

III. Unsuccessful Discharges

- a. None of our prior youth who were unsuccessfully discharged were criminally charged. Right now, when Donna (JCC Coordinator) gets an e-mail from WRAP DE or CSRC that a youth has been unsuccessfully discharged, she sends an email to the issuing officer with all of the youth's information and sends a letter to the family to let them know of the situation and that the officer will be in contact with them for the next steps. During the front-end meeting, DOJ came to an agreement to create a drop-box where Donna can CC on an email so the DOJ also knows when a youth should be criminally charged. At this time, it is still in the process of being set up.

IV. Providers

a. CSRC

- i. Currently has 17 cases; 11 DC, 5 POSS, and 1 Shoplifting
- ii. A small barrier is families not realizing they are supposed to be contacting the providers (Milford).
- iii. Translation problems have been better, but we need to continue to monitor.

b. Wraparound DE

- i. Currently has 29 cases. Low levels are not going down and are filling up capacity.
- ii. A barrier they are having is capacity, need to look into other options; more staff or another provider.

c. Other Business

- i. Both providers are evaluating for trauma and giving recommendations where needed.
- ii. GAIN: Training to be able to give a substance abuse evaluation IF they cannot pay for Aquila or Brandywine, but have private insurance so they can't use PBH.
- iii. A lot of 'hand holding', adding additional contacts from the youth to keep them on track.

V. Suggestions/Problems

- a. Reach out to loss prevention officers so they can remind police officers when they show up to get a youth.
- b. Officers do not have the option to choose a JCC until they finish the final report.

VI. Next meeting

- a. March, 2017 - date TBD

VII. Adjourn – 3:05 PM